

EXHIBIT B

CASE SUMMARY

CASE NO. DC21-18111

JOANN ALARCON vs. DOLLAR TREE STORES, INC,
FAMILY DOLLAR STORES OF TEXAS, LLC, AND
MARIO GARCIA§ Location: 109th District Court
§ Judicial Officer: Pool, John
§ Filed on: 12/06/2021
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CASE INFORMATION

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DATE	EVENTS & ORDERS OF THE COURT
12/06/2021	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Petition (OCA) <i>PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION</i>
12/06/2021	Citation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DOLLAR TREE STORES, INC Served: 12/08/2021 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAMILY DOLLAR STORES OF TEXAS, LLC Served: 12/08/2021 GARCIA, MARIO Unserved
12/06/2021	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Request to Issue <i>CITATION OF SERVICE</i>
12/21/2021	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PLAINTIFF'S FIRST AMENDED PETITION <i>PLAINTIFFS FIRST AMENDED PETITION</i>
12/27/2021	Citation GARCIA, MARIA Unserved
01/04/2022	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Letter From Attorney <i>ATTNY MAYER FOR DEFENDANT</i>
01/04/2022	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DEFENDANTS ORIGINAL ANSWER <i>DEFENDANT FAMILY DOLLAR STORES OF TEXAS, LLC'S ORIGINAL ANSWER TO PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION AND DEMAN FOR JURY TRIAL</i>

DATE	OTHER DOCUMENTS		
12/09/2021	Case Manager Document	DOLLAR TREE STORES, INC - Citation	2 Pages
12/09/2021	Case Manager Document	FAMILY DOLLAR STORES OF TEXAS, LLC - Citation	2 Pages

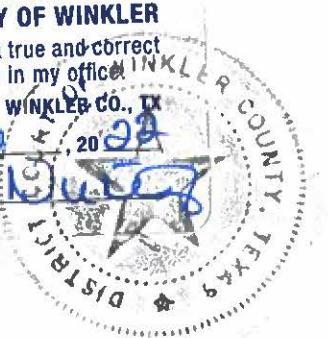
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Plaintiff

vs.

**DOLLAR TREE STORES, INC.,
FAMILY DOLLARS STORES OF
TEXAS, LLC, AND MARIO GARCIA**
Defendants

IN THE DISTRICT COURT

109th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

COMES NOW, JOANN ALARCON, hereinafter called ("Plaintiff"), complaining of and about DOLLAR TREE STORES, INC., FAMILY DOLLAR STORES OF TEXAS, LLC., AND MARIO GARCIA, hereinafter called ("Defendants"), and for cause of action show unto the Court the following:

I. DISCOVERY CONTROL PLAN LEVEL

1. Pursuant to the provisions of Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 190.3, Plaintiff proposes to conduct discovery according to Discovery Control Plan Level III, and therefore request this Court to enter a scheduling order.

II. PARTIES AND SERVICE

2. Plaintiff, JOANN ALARCON, is an individual whose address is 1112 Harrison Dr., Kermit, Texas 79745. The last three digits of her social security number are 156

3. Defendant, DOLLAR TREE STORES, INC., a foreign corporation whose registered office is located at 500 Volvo Parkway Chesapeake, VA 23320, may be served with process by serving its registered agent for service of process, Corporation Service Company d/b/a

CSC-Lawyers Incorporating Service Company, in Travis County at 211 E. 7th Street, Suite 620, Austin, Texas 78701. Service of said Defendant can be effected by personal delivery.

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III. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

6. The subject matter in controversy is within the jurisdictional limits of this court.

7. Venue in Winkler County is proper in this cause under Section 15.002(a)(1) of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code because all or a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to this lawsuit occurred in this county.

IV. FACTS

8. On or about December, 2019, Plaintiff was an invitee and/or business patron, at Defendants, DOLLAR TREE STORES, INC..'s store in Winkler County, Texas located at 167 TX-302, Kermit, TX 79745, when Defendant's negligence caused Plaintiff to suffer serious bodily injuries. Defendant, DOLLAR TREE STORES, INC.. Defendant, FAMILY DOLLAR STORES OF TEXAS, LLC. and Defendant MARIO GARCIA , failed to clear the store floor of boxes and other hazardous items. This negligence posed an unsafe and unreasonably dangerous condition

which resulted in Plaintiff tripping over boxes on the floor and falling to the ground. Plaintiff suffered serious medical injuries which were proximately caused by this violent fall.

**V. PLAINTIFF'S CLAIM OF NEGLIGENCE
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customary charges for such services in Bexar County, Texas;

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- L. Mental anguish in the past;
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XI. DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY

- 23. Plaintiff demands a jury trial and tenders the appropriate fee with filing this petition.

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XIV. PRAYER

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Plaintiff, JOANN ALARCON, respectfully prays that the Defendants, DOLLAR TREE STORES, INC., FAMILY DOLLAR STORES OF TEXAS, LLC., and MARIO GARCIA, be cited to appear and answer herein, and that upon a final hearing of the cause, judgment be entered for the Plaintiff against Defendants for damages in an amount within the jurisdictional limits of the Court; together with pre-judgment interest (from the date of injury through the date of judgment) at the maximum rate allowed by law; post-judgment interest at the legal rate, costs of court; and such other and further relief to which the Plaintiff may be entitled at law or in equity.

Respectfully submitted,

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STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF WINKLER
I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct
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GENEVA BAKER DISTRICT CLERK WINKLER CO., TX

Attest: *January 14, 2022*

By *Deputy*



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December 6, 2021

Via E-File

Winkler County District Clerk
100 E. Winkler St. 3rd Floor
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Re: Cause No. DC21-18111; Joann Alarcon vs. Dollar Tree Stores, Inc, Family Dollars Stores of Texas, LLC, and Mario Garcia; In the 109th District Court, Winkler County, Texas.

REQUEST FOR CITATION OF SERVICE

Dear Winkler County District Clerk,

This letter is to request citations for regular service by process server, on the above mentioned case. Plaintiff's Original Petition was filed on December 6, 2021. Please email citations to: khamby@oinjurylaw.com.

Defendants to be served:

Dollar Tree Stores, Inc
Corporation Service Company d/b/a CSC-Lawyers Incorporating Service Company
211 E. 7th St Ste. 620
Austin, Texas 78701

Family Dollar Stores of Texas
Corporation Service Company d/b/a CSC-Lawyers Incorporating Service Company
211 E. 7th Ste. 620
Austin, Texas 78701

Mario Garcia
167 TX-302
Kermit, TX 79745

Should you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact our office. Thank you for your attention with this matter.

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Attest: *January 6, 2022*

By *Southern Justice*
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Sincerely,
CESAR ORNELAS LAW PLLC

/s/ Cesar Ornelas II

Cesar Ornelas II,
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WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Plaintiff, JOANN ALARCON, respectfully prays that the Defendants, DOLLAR TREE STORES, INC., FAMILY DOLLAR STORES OF TEXAS, LLC., and MARIA GARCIA previously misnamed MARIO GARCIA, be cited to appear and answer herein, and that upon a final hearing of the cause, judgment be entered for the Plaintiff against Defendants for damages in an amount within the jurisdictional limits of the Court; together with pre-judgment interest (from the date of injury through the date of judgment) at the maximum rate allowed by law; post-judgment interest at the legal rate, costs of court; and such other and further relief to which the Plaintiff may be entitled at law or in equity.

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Attest: *January 16, 2022*

By *Glauco Winkler*
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Respectfully submitted,

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Re: *Joann Alarcon v. Dollar Tree Stores, Inc., Family Dollar Stores of Texas, LLC and Mario Garcia*
Cause No.: DC21-18111
Court: In the 109th District Court, Winkler County, Texas
Our File No.: 58000.00617

Dear Mr. Kosturakis:

Enclosed is *Defendant Family Dollar Stores of Texas, LLC's Original Answer to Plaintiff's Original Petition and Demand for a Jury Trial* in the above-referenced matter, which was e-filed today in the 109th District Court, Winkler County, Texas.

Please be advised that we would like to take your client's deposition, on a mutually agreeable date and time, following our receipt of Plaintiff's Answers to Defendant's (forthcoming) written discovery requests.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Dwayne Lewis, the handling attorney on this file at 214.379.4332, dlewis@mayerllp.com or me at 214.379.6908 or via email at rgant@mayerllp.com.

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Sincerely,

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JOANN ALARCON,
Plaintiff,

v.

DOLLAR TREE STORES, INC.,
FAMILY DOLLAR STORES OF
TEXAS, LLC, and MARIO GARCIA,
Defendants.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT

WINKLER COUNTY, TEXAS

109th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DEFENDANT FAMILY DOLLAR STORES OF TEXAS, LLC'S ORIGINAL ANSWER
TO PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Defendant, FAMILY DOLLAR STORES OF TEXAS, LLC hereby files its Original Answer to Plaintiff's Original Petition and Demand for Jury Trial as follows:

I.

GENERAL DENIAL

1. Defendant denies each and every, all and singular, the material allegations contained within Plaintiff's pleadings and demands strict proof thereof.

II.

JURY DEMAND

2. In accordance with Rule 216 of the TEXAS RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE, Defendant demands a trial by jury and hereby tenders the applicable jury fee.

III.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

3. Defendant prays that Plaintiff take nothing by this lawsuit, that Defendant go hence with its costs without delay, and for such other and further relief, both general and special, at law and in equity, to which Defendant may show itself justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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This is to certify that on the 4th day of January 2022, a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been forwarded to all counsel of record as follows:

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